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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : CHALICE/ [REDACTED] Operations Plan 25X1A2g

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1. I am returning herewith the draft of the CHALICE/ [REDACTED] Operations Plan which you handed me on 21 October. With minor exceptions it seems to me entirely acceptable. I comment on the following paragraphs.

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2. With reference to paragraph IIIA.(7), I do not recollect precisely what exchange of documents we have agreed to with the [REDACTED]. I assume that the flight plans referred to in this paragraph are not those that go out in the [REDACTED] series but earlier more generalized plans which will contain little more than an indication of the target areas to be covered and the probable approach routes. I wonder if it is proper to refer to these as "flight plans"? Perhaps you could think of some other name which would not confuse them with the specific flight plans that are forwarded in the [REDACTED] series.

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3. The above comment suggests to me that there may be one omission from the Operations Plan. If you will look back at the cable I sent to [REDACTED] several weeks ago on the general subject on the way in which we would divide the work between the [REDACTED] and American pilots and determine what missions were to be flown, I suggested that the first step in any series of operations would be to exchange views on the permissions to be sought from the political authorities. Next I proposed we exchange information on permissions granted. Presumably both of these exchanges would precede the steps in paragraph IIIA.(7). It may well be that these earlier exchanges should not appropriately be referred to in an Operations Plan but I suggest you look at the cable I have referred to and make sure that the Operations Plan is consistent with it.

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4. In paragraph IIIB. there are a number of references to civilian pilots. I suspect this reference is now out-of-date because I believe they plan to leave the pilots in the [REDACTED]

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25X1A6a 5. I am slightly bothered by the language in paragraphs IV.B. and VI. B. I agree that IV.B. should state that operational control is maintained by Headquarters, CHALICE but I wonder if you should not add on at the end of the present IV.B. something like the following. 25X1A2g
"....., subject to policy control of [REDACTED] activities as elsewhere provided." To be sure, there is nothing in this Operations Plan that does not cover the points dealt with in my above-referred to cable to [REDACTED] but some such phrase as the one I have here suggested might make this paragraph IV.B. a little more acceptable.

25X1A2g 6. Turning now to paragraph VI.B. this of course repeats IV.B. Moreover the present language of VI.B. could be read to leave a greater degree of control over [REDACTED] missions with our Headquarter than we actually intend. If you feel that paragraph VI. should contain a subparagraph on control of missions, I believe the language should be modified somewhat along the lines suggested for IV.B.

25X1A6a 7. I would like to see a later draft of this before it goes to [REDACTED] at the end of the week.

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